

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JIDDA 05590 111401Z  
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
-----094253 111402Z /45

O 111327Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE  
INFO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE  
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9257

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 5590

EXDIS

USDEL PLS PASS TO MR. HABIB FROM ATHERTON

LONDON PLS PASS TO MR. KINSOLVING

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L.)  
SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S TRAVEL

1. UPON ARRIVAL TAIF, I FOUND THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT MY RESERVATIONS FRIDAY TO LONDON. IN ADDITION, I WAS PRESSED BY PRINCE SAUD TO LET SAUDIS FLY ME TO LONDON ON EXECUTIVE JET WHICH PICKED ME UP THIS MORNING IN AMMAN, TO POINT WHERE AMB. WEST FELT FONMIN WOULD BE OFFENDED IF I CONTINUED TO REFUSE. SAUD ARGUED INTER ALIA THAT SAUDIS FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SECURITY AND DID NOT WANT ME TRAVELLING ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT. WHILE I DO NOT PERSONALLY THINK THIS IS A PROBLEM, HE WAS QUITE INSISTENT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT SAUDI OFFER AND WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE ARRIVING LONDON TODAY, AUGUST 11.

2. FOR LONDON: FLIGHT INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
SPECIAL SAUDI AIRLINES FLIGHT SV 7278 IS SCHEDULED  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JIDDA 05590 111401Z

TO DEPART JIDDA AT 1330 ZULU AND ESTIMATED TO ARRIVE LONDON HEATHROW AT 2130 ZULU. AIRCRAFT IS GRUMANN GULFSTREAM G-2 REGISTERED HZ-AFH RPT HZ-AFH; SELCALL CMEF RPT CMEF.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON CONTACT SAUDIA AIRLINES AT HEATHROW HOTEL TO CONFIRM ARRIVAL TIME AND ARRANGE

TO MEET MR. ATHERTON AT VIP QUARTERS GATE AND  
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO PERMIT  
MR. ATHERTON TO JOIN THE SECRETARY'S PARTY.  
WEST

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 11-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977JIDDA05590  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770289-0673  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** JIDDA  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770872/aaaacjfn.tel  
**Line Count:** 66  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** d70ea45c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 16-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1635101  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S TRAVEL  
**TAGS:** OVIP, (ATHERTON, ALFRED L)  
**To:** LONDON  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/d70ea45c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009